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The Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association would like to thank the Transportation Committee Co-Chairs Senator Maynard and Representative Guerrera, and all Committee Members for your time and consideration today. The CMRA would like to express opposition to SB 182, "An act concerning the inspection of motorcycles with aftermarket exhaust pipes."

The CMRA does not advocate the installation or use of exhaust systems that are considered illegal by current state or federal standards. Furthermore, there has been limited opposition to past legislative efforts in regards to loud tail pipes purchased by motorcycling consumers in CT by the CMRA.

The CMRA's main opposition to this bill is the exclusive aim at motorcycle only noise. Motorcyclists are not the only vehicle operators on the roadways in violation of noise standards. Nor are motorcyclists the sole consumers of aftermarket parts manufactured to offer the general public an expressive noise emission.

There does not seem to be a truly fair and perfect ability to measure outdoor vehicle noise for any enforcement agents in the state of CT at this time. Indoor vs outdoor, hard surfaces vs soft surfaces, distance measures are controversial with speeds and RPMs to consider...etc...many of the formulas and ideas presented by the EPA seem unrealistic for the average road user or the average officer to understand.

Often violators of Sec. 14-80(a-g), the current mechanical equipment code in CT, seem to be quick to follow enforcement instruction. Enforcement officers, depending upon the situation, have given warnings, fines, repair and inspection directions, and more to motorcycle mechanical violators.

In conclusion the CMRA can not support this bill based on the motorcycle only language of the bill.